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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

LAWANDA A. JOHNSON, PH.D.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

Case No.: 2:25-cv-01181-DWC

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.
(5 U.S.C. § 552).

and Component

Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20534
Defendant.

LaWanda A. Johnson, Ph.D. swears thusly:

1. I submitted a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), component of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), on or about April 24, 2025.
2. Attached as EXHIBIT 'A' is a true and correct copy of the FOIA request referenced in paragraph #1. Notably, my "*Inmate Number*," *signature* and "*Certification of Identity*" are transcribings. ("A transcript or a transcribing is substantially a copy." U.S. v. Gaussen, 86 U.S. 198, 212, 22 L. Ed. 41 (1873); see also, Fed. R. Evid. #1003).
3. I seek my own medical records through the referenced FOIA request; and, "under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524(a)(1), 'an individual has a right of access to inspect and obtain a copy of protected health information.'" (Brownlee v. Cnty. of Los Angeles, No. LA CV21-

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01118 JAK (JPRX), 2023 WL 11950369, at *6 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2023); see also, 42 U.S.C. § 17935(b)(1)(B)- authorizing regulations).

4. EXHIBIT 'B' is a true and correct copy of a May 8, 2025 correspondence from the BOP acknowledging my FOIA request was received and assigned "FOIA Request Number 2025-04069"; and, claiming an "unusual circumstance."
5. EXHIBIT 'C' is a true and correct copy of a May 8, 2025 correspondence from me sent to the BOP electronically on May 9, 2025, seeking, *interalia*, an alternative time schedule.
6. I spoke with a BOP agent by telephone on or about May 12, 2025. I requested assistance in establishing an alternative time schedule.
7. EXHIBIT 'D' is a true and correct copy of a May 16, 2025 correspondence from the BOP estimating February 13, 2026 as an anticipated date of completion.
8. EXHIBIT 'E' is a true and correct copy of a May 19, 2025 correspondence from me sent to the BOP requesting expedited processing.
9. EXHIBIT 'F' is a true and correct copy of a May 27, 2025 correspondence from the BOP refusing expedited processing.
10. EXHIBIT 'G' is a true and correct copy of a June 3, 2025 correspondence from me sent to the BOP reaffirming a compelling need for my personal medical information.
11. I spoke with a BOP agent by telephone on or about June 3, 2025, and: *i)* modified the request; *ii)* requested an alternative time period for processing be arranged; and *iii)* reaffirmed a compelling need for my personal medical information. (See 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iii) and paragraph #3 *supra*.).
12. EXHIBIT 'H' is a true and correct copy of a June 12, 2025 correspondence from the BOP.

1 13. As of this filing, I am unaware of the component's reason for not arranging an alternative
2 time period for processing that allows me to inspect and copy my personal medical
3 information at a local component facility.

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5 14. As of this filing, I cannot say that I was provided the opportunity to speak with a
6 component designated Public Liaison as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i)(II) and
7 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(c).

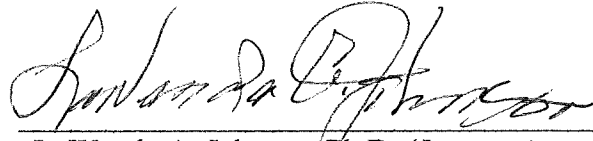
8 15. I requested, but was provided no opportunity to raise my concerns with designated
9 component Public Liaison, Kara Christenson; nor, designated component Public Liaison,
10 Eugene Baime.

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12 16. "In 2007, Congress enacted the OPEN Government Act of 2007 ... which included
13 amendments to FOIA." (Jud. Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., No. CIV.A.08-
14 2133, 2009 WL 1743757, at *3 (D.D.C. June 15, 2009)).

15 17. "FOIA Public Liaisons shall report to the agency Chief FOIA Officer and shall serve as
16 supervisory officials to whom a requester under this section can raise concerns about the
17 service the requester has received from the FOIA Requester Center, following an initial
18 response from the FOIA Requester Center Staff. FOIA Public Liaisons shall be
19 responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of
20 the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes." (OPENNESS
21 PROMOTES EFFECTIVENESS IN OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2007
22 ("Open Government Act of 2007"), PL 110-175, December 31, 2007, 121 Stat 2524-
23 codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(l)).
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1 I swear the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding,
2 under the laws of the United States.

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4 Dated this 20th day of June, 2025.

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7 LaWanda A. Johnson, Ph.D. (*In propria*
8 *persona*)
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